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Subject Proposed Sanctuary Scope Increase



*The proposed increase in sanctuary scope to include “marine resources” other than humpback whales could lead to the limitation and or/cessation of ocean activities that many of our residents participate in. This proposed scope may not be related to preserving humpback whales, Hawaiian monk seals, other marine mammals, sea turtles, or the positive increase in repopulation of fish.*

*While I support the protection and preservation of our endangered marine species, it is my position that any enlargement of the scope of the sanctuary’s “marine resources” should not include the closure of any fishing areas or the creation of any “no take zones” and should provide local fishermen, ocean users and Kauai and Niihau residents protections from prevention of participation in ocean related activities as they have enjoyed for generations*

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